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USSR

1. [Redacted] the standards of dental education are very low in the USSR since the war. The schools cannot even approach the better ones on the continent, much less [Redacted] in the US. 50X1
2. [Redacted] a good deal of the USSR dental work, the main characteristic of which is their use of stainless steel restorations and stainless steel in the mouth. The Soviets apparently have no gold whatever for dental purposes and are eager to have their stainless steel restorations replaced by something more slightly when visiting other countries where gold is available. 50X1
3. [Redacted] is no formal program whatever for dental service in the armed services. Emergency treatment in the form of extractions is provided by dentists when available, by the medical corps, or by below standard dental personnel. 50X1

Yugoslavia

1. There is no formal setup for a military dental organization. However, with a new law now in effect [Redacted] to develop a dental corps along US lines. 50X1
2. There is no dental research being done in Yugoslavia. [Redacted] made great progress in maxillofacial surgery. As a result of military injury to more than 10% of the Yugoslav population, there are many maxillofacial injuries of all sorts. [Redacted] our techniques for handling some of the more radical cases may be better than in the US, owing to your lack of number of such cases for practice. 50X1

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3. For seven years during World War II, no dentists were trained formally. Following the war, many below standard dentists began to practice due to the need for dental services of some sort. A year or so ago, a new law outlawed this type dentistry and there are now three dental schools on the US plan (rather than the Italian and French which require the MD for dental practice). This seven-year lag in training dentists has created a severe lack of dental personnel, with a dentist-patient ratio of about 1:10,000 as compared to 1:1700 in the US and 1:4000 in Great Britain. Textbooks are not good. Italian texts are used for the most part, with some French and German. American texts are wanted but are not easily obtainable. Dental equipment is almost all Italian, some German, and a little of American manufacture.

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